

Our Men In Service



SAN ANTONIO — Airman John J. Scales III, son of Mrs. John J. Scales, 80 Reed St., has completed basic training at Lackland A.F.B., Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler A.F.B., Miss., for training in the administrative field. Airman Scales, a graduate of Cathedral High School, Springfield, attended Biscayne College, Miami.



MISS DOROTHEA HUTCHINS

AGAWAM — Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hutchins of 7 Elsie St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothea, to Gary Alan Lukas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lukas of 26 Braintree Road, West Springfield.

A July wedding is planned.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College, is employed by Forbes & Wallace as a cosmetologist.

Her fiance, a graduate of West Springfield High School, graduate in June from Western New England College.



Norman C. Burr, 107 Suffield St., was named to the dean's honor list at Ferris State College, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bruce J. Wein, 98 Monroe St., graduated cum laude, receiving his degree as a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Boston U.

Ross Roberts, 48 Mountainview St., graduated a Bachelor of Science, Northeastern U., College of Engineering.

Named to dean's list for spring semester at Holyoke Community College are Brian Haskins, Joyce Haynes, Robert Stoddard, and Arthur Strole.

Agawam Garden Club

The annual family picnic of the Agawam Garden Club will be held Tues., July 8 at Stanley Park, Westfield. Those attending should meet at the park picnic area near the pavilion at 6:15 p.m. As is our usual custom, each club member should bring one dish of any kind of food. Each person should also bring her own silver, but paper cups, plates, and beverage will be furnished by the club.

If you need transportation, contact Mrs. Gustave Benoit, 737-1082. Those who will have room in their cars should let Mrs. Benoit know. After supper, we will tour the perennial and rose gardens of the park. Members are reminded that yearly dues are due now, if still unpaid. Guests are always welcome.

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CONTE TO SPEAK AT GOP CONCLAVE

Congressman Silvio O. Conte will be the principal speaker at a campaign seminar for Republican ward and town committee members, it was announced by S. Lee Miller, chmn. of the Hampden Co. G.O.P. Campaign Committee. The seminar will be held on Sat., July 12, at the Cottage Hill Restaurant in Springfield.

Born in Pittsfield, Rep. Conte has continued to maintain his residence in that city until the present time. Following military service in World War II, he was graduated from Boston College and B.C. Law School. In 1949, he began the practice of law in his native city.

Conte's career in public office dates from 1950 when he was elected to the Mass. Senate from the Berkshire District. After being re-elected for 3

additional terms which extended through 1958, he chose to seek higher office. During his 2nd term in the Senate, he was selected as the outstanding young man of the year by the Mass. Chamber of Commerce.

In 1958, the then Senator Conte was elected to represent the 1st Mass. District in the 86th Congress. Successful in each of his bids for re-election, he is now serving his 6th term in the lower house. On more than one occasion, he has been unopposed for a new term and in the 1964 election was nominated by both the Rep. and Dem. parties.

The seminar is open to all individuals who are interested in working for the Rep. Party. Advance res. may be made by contacting Mrs. Barbara Putnam, 2 Bayberry Rd., Wilbraham.

Complete Ban

On Persistent Pesticides Needed

Allen H. Morgan told state legislators Monday that an absolute ban on persistent pesticides is necessary to protect the Mass. environment.

Morgan, who is executive V.P. of the Mass. Audubon Society, identified the persistent pesticides as DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor and aldrin.

Persistent pesticides have caused widespread death among several species of birds and are involved in the extirpation of peregrine falcons and the drastic declines of ospreys and bald eagles in N.E., he said.

All forms of life are affected by these persistent pesticides, Morgan said. He quoted a report from the World Health Organization in which a Swedish scientist gave evidence that human mother's milk contains twice as much DDT as the acceptable level for other foods.

"While I know of no medical testimony interpreting exactly what this means to human babies," Morgan said, "I am certain that no pediatrician would consider this dosage that passes through one of the most basic links of human life beneficial."

"Despite the pains the average mother takes to see that her baby is guarded from undesirable influences, she can do nothing about this, for she and the child are equally the victims of new environmental developments spawned by human negligence."

Morgan reminded the legislators

sitting on the Special Legislative Committee to Study Pesticides that the campaign to limit pesticide use began in Mass. and involved 2 members of the Audubon Society. The late Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Huckins of Duxbury, he said, inspired their friend, the late Rachel Carson, to write "Silent Spring." Mrs. Huckins was the former Olga Owens, one-time literary editor of the old Boston Post.

"I don't know how many legislators have read 'Silent Spring,'" Morgan said, "But the first paragraph in that book reads: 'In a letter written in January, 1958, Olga Owens Huckins told me of her own bitter experience of a small world made lifeless, and so brought my attention sharply back to a problem with which I had long been concerned. I then realized I must write this book.'"

Morgan told legislators: "The fact is: there is no known way to control an uncontrollable substance once it has been released into the environment."

"By this I mean, we are not here to discuss 'safe' or 'controlled' methods of applying these persistent pesticides. Regardless of the good intentions or the degree of care that one exercises in spraying a substance as damaging as DDT, the damage is uncontrollable once that substance has escaped through the spray nozzle."

(Editor's Note: It should be noted that chlordane remains in the ground for 8 to 10 years after application, and is deadly to man, animals, and the earth itself.)

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Farmer in a Far-off Land

by Moritz Thomsen

Moritz Thomsen fought in World War II and then was a hog farmer for 20 years near Red Bluff, California. At the age of 50 he joined the Peace Corps and recently returned from four years of service as a Volunteer in Ecuador.

my roosters singing."

The real problem began to become apparent before the first year was out. There wasn't enough corn grown locally nor was there any money available to bring in outside corn to feed the hundreds of chickens who now inhabited the town. The people had been poor too long to be able to handle their new money; with their egg money they bought shoes and pants and medicine for their children and little portable radios and they had more dances on Saturday night. I begged them to set aside a certain percentage to buy corn and to remember that when their chickens were old they would have to be replaced and that they would need capital for this, but the farmers couldn't hear me.

Those first projects, then, while extremely profitable, were not especially successful since they weren't self-generating. After about 10 months of heavy laying the hens went into a molt, the farmers sold them for \$2 apiece in the Esmeraldas market, came home with things out of the stores that they had wanted for years, and the projects died since there was no money for new chickens or the corn to raise them. That 5 or 6 months that it took to raise a chicken until it started laying its way with eggs was a fearful time that required great sacrifices for all my friends.

Corn yield per acre in the leached soil of my village averaged about 12 sacks, so I began to work more toward improving corn production. I brought in selected seed from the experimental farm for the farmers to try. But only my best friend was willing to take the chance. The people lived too close to the very edge of starvation; experimenting with new seed, repudiating the seeds of their fathers and their grandfathers was too tremendous a risk. What if it didn't work? A crop failure could have meant starvation.

But Ramon planted a few rows and I borrowed some land and planted a few rows, and the new seed was very obviously superior; the next year 50 farmers tried it and the last year I was in Rio Verde was the only seed being used.

I wish I could report that we solved all or even some of the problems of raising corn and chickens in Ecuador, but I can't. We made a sort of beginning. About all we did was advance far enough to become aware of the complexity of the whole situation. With increased corn yields we needed better storage facilities, and if we were going to guard a year's supply of corn from harvest time we had to control the weevils and borers who infested the corn from the day it was snapped. There were the problems of getting the concentrate out to the village since we were miles off the one good road in the province; there were problems of marketing the eggs while they were fresh, problems of marketing eggs from different farmers together so that each farmer didn't have to go to town each week. There were problems of getting the eggs to town without breaking them all. We sent them in crates in canoes, but rough seas could break eggs by the hundreds.

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FARMER—continued

There are, of course, answers to all the problems of farm production that plague the poor nations of the world, but as I found out, they are not always apparent. On a personal level my Peace Corps experience was immensely rewarding, but mostly to me. Ideally for the village, I should have been replaced by another volunteer who could have kept working with the people, trying to search out the answers to their problems. There wasn't anybody to send—just as there isn't anybody to send to so many of the Rio Verdes of the world. And that's why Peace Corps is asking farmers and their wives to contribute skills which mean life itself to so many hungry people.

For further information about agricultural Volunteers in the Peace Corps, send a card or note to Ed Pylik, Room 715, Washington, D.C. 20525.

**Weight Watchers Graduation**

Worcester, Mass. It was graduation night for a class of losers! — the Tuesday night Girls Club Weight Watchers class. Members completing their 16 week course of carefully planned eating habits and regular attendance at weekly classes were graduated with honors.

The class is conducted by Lecturer Willie Baynes of Spfld., a former student of W.W. who lost 40 pounds under the program.

Each graduate lost a minimum of 20 pounds. All members received the W.W. pin recognition of their achievement upon graduation.

Special recognitions went to Hattie Facen (left) of 53 Maynard St., Spfld. and Gwenn Kelley of 25 Gelinas St., Chicopee. Hattie lost 45 pounds over the 16 week program and went from a dress size of 42 down to an 18 1/2. Gwenn, who lost 40 pounds, changed her dress size from a 22 1/2 to a 15.

Other graduates included Elva Traska of 92 Pioneer Way and Paula Barreus of 59 Rochelle St., both of Spfld. Mrs. Traska at age 69 was the eldest graduate. She achieved a weight loss of 23 pounds. Miss Barreus at age 17 was the youngest member and registered a weight loss of 24 pounds.

Weight Watchers provides a program of carefully planned eating habits and regular attendance at weekly classes designed to enable the overweight person to reach and maintain realistic weight goal. Persons wishing to join W.W. may do so by signing up at any class in their area. A minimum desired weight loss of 10 pounds is required for membership.

New Postal Regulations

The parcel post weight limit will be raised to 40 pounds for shipments between 1st-class PO after July 1, Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge announced today.

The maximum parcel post weight limit will be increased from 30 pounds on shipments between the larger post offices in the 3rd through 8th PP zones (more than 150 miles). On packages sent locally and to offices in PP zones, 1 & 2, the ceiling has been 40 pounds. The maximum size of packages sent between all 1st-class offices remains 72 inches in combined length and girth.

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HOLIDAY on the HIGHWAY

BOSTON — Independence on the highways can result in some deadly fireworks, the A.L.A. warned in a 4th of July holiday safety message.

"Drivers who declare their highway independence by throwing caution to the wind and disregarding other drivers endanger themselves, their passengers and innocent motorists," Philip C. Wallwork, A.L.A. safety director, said.

"The threat of these dangerous drivers becomes greater during peak traffic periods such as the long 4th of July holiday weekend when millions of motorists head to vacation areas.

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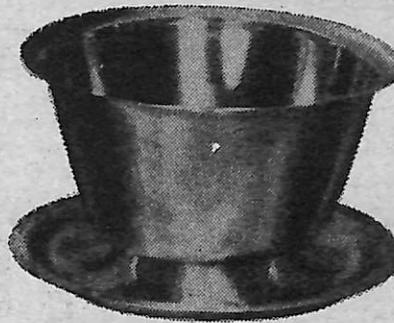
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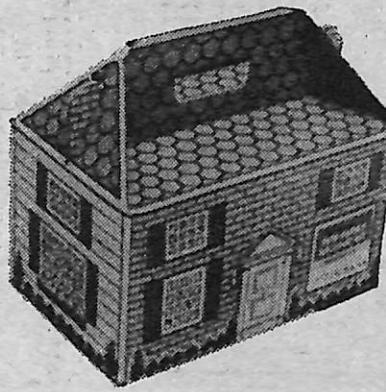
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**HIGHWAY TAXES--
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BOSTON — Mass. motorists have increased their annual tax support for highway transportation by about 68% during the past decade.

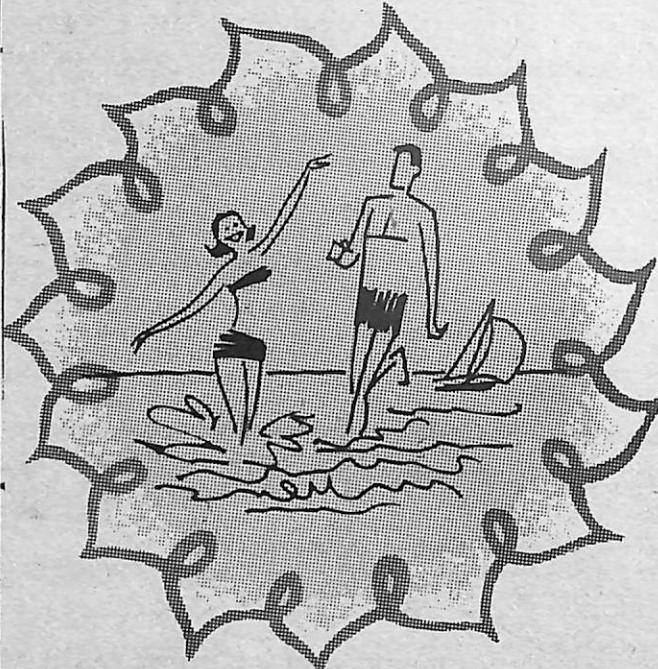
An analysis by the Automobile Manufacturers Association shows Mass. state highway user revenues have risen from \$94 million in 1958 to \$158 million last year. Included are motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, motor carrier and other miscellaneous user charges.

The study as reported by Eugene G. Wagner, AMA regional govt. relations and info. representative, shows annual tax receipts from the sale of motor fuel climbing from \$70 million to \$119 million in the 10-year period.

Wagner pointed out that Mass. also provides about \$145 million annually to the Fed. govt. in automotive excise taxes.

He said that special motor user taxes now represent 15.5% of total Mass. state taxes.

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FURIONI otherwise DIANA J. DREW
FURIONI praying for a modification of a decree of this Court dated November 25, 1964, all as more fully set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of July 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

July 3, 10, 17.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE ALFRED GIROUX otherwise GEORGE A. GIROUX late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

The executrix of the will of said GEORGE ALFRED GIROUX otherwise GEORGE A. GIROUX has presented to said Court for allowance her first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fifth day of July 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of Said Court, this twenty-fourth day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

July 3, 10, 17.

Prune Flowering Trees & Shrubs Now

"For the appearance and health of our flowering trees and shrubs, prune them now," says the Mass. Nurserymen's Assn. Early flowering trees such as dogwoods, magnolias, and crabapples and shrubs such as lilacs, spirea, bush honeysuckle, forsythia and mock orange have either finished or almost finished flowering for this year and have not yet formed flower buds for next year. A careful pruning now or as soon as your plants have dropped their flowers will encourage strong shoots and better flowering next spring.

Be selective in your pruning. Decide in advance if you want your plants to have a natural or a sheared appearance and cut accordingly. The first step in pruning should be the removal of all dead, diseased or injured branches. When branches are to be removed, they should be cut flush with a lower branch or buds. All breaks in the bark or wounds over one inch in diameter should be treated with a tree-healing paint to protect the inner wood from insects and diseases. Weak exterior branches should be thinned out to allow the proper growth of main branches and interfering or rubbing branches should be eliminated to prevent damage to the bark.

Old heavy stems of flowering shrubs tend to lose their vigor and produce few flowers. They should be removed at the base of the plant to allow for new vigorous growth. A good guideline is to remove the oldest 1/3 of the plant each year so that no stems are ever more than 3 years old.

Beyond pruning to maintain the health of the trees and shrubs, there will be instances where pruning is necessary to maintain the proper size and shape of individual plants. Each tree or shrub species has a form that is characteristic of that species. Check with your local nurseryman about the correct shape for your plant and try to maintain that natural form or shape in your pruning. Occasionally side branches of trees will tend to turn upward and challenge the main trunk for dominance of the crown. These branches should be pruned back or removed completely. Pruning the tips of lateral or side branches will help force height growth.

Vigorous growing shrubs such as lilac, forsythia and mock orange often produce long unbranched shoots that give the plants an ungainly appearance. These shoots should be headed back or pruned at uneven heights during June to encourage side branching and to give a more natural rather than a sheared appearance to the shrubs.

Some shrubs such as weigelia, lilac, mock orange and rhododendron produce large quantities of seed which require much of the plant strength. If the flower heads are removed by clipping, stripping, or pruning immediately after flowering, this plant energy can be used for new growth and the setting of flower buds for next year.

Your flowering trees and shrubs need and deserve the best care you can give them. By pruning them now, after they have finished flowering for the year, you are helping them grow into healthy and more beautiful plants.